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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. In most other areas, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was in a full range of light to good, best where limited features were a factor. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to instances available. The Central States breaking stock offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate and demand was moderate at best. In the Eastern region, breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for current requirements.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 16.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 11 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower on extra large, unchanged to 8 cents lower on large, and unchanged to 6 cents lower on mediums, based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to good, best into limited feature activity. Supplies of white eggs were adequate to instances available and brown eggs were short of needs, with premium prices paid on jumbo through large. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited feature activity was in progress. Supplies were adequate to instances available.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower on all sizes except small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fair, with the best interest coming from feature activity. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for current needs. Demand was moderate at best with most breakers working from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were at least adequate to ample. Trade sentiment generally steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand mixed and ranged from light to good, best where limited features are a factor. Supplies fully adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate, best where limited features provided additional movement. Supplies were adequate to occasionally available for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 12, 2001 was 82.28 cents, 15.30 cents less than the week before and 19.46 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region 14 cents lower on jumbo, 15 cents lower on extra large and large, and 11 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 16% lower than last week with California down 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 19%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings in much better balance.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	110-114	101-105	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	63-66
Philadelphia	71-77.5	69-75.5	62-66.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	58-59
Jackson (1)	72-73	71-72	67-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-83	67-81	59-73
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	52-57
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	48-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-65	58-63	49-55
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	52-59
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	76-79	73-75	65-67
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	91	87
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 14 cents lower on jumbo, 15 cents lower on extra large and large, 11 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 14% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate to good, best where major features planned. Offerings moved into better balance. Small invoice price 67. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	112	
EXTRA LARGE	99	
LARGE	91	
MEDIUM	87	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	243-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	219-249
LARGE	199-229	189-229
MEDIUM	187-199	149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 19, 2001 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 12, 2001 were 274,562 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 19 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	240,307	34,255	274,562
% change from the prior week.....	+8	+22	+9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for current needs. Demand was moderate at best with most breakers working from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks at least adequate to ample. Trade sentiment generally steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	32-35	33-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-21	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were higher on spent heavy hens compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were clearing available inventories with scheduling sufficient for needs at processing operations. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.25	8-10	8.60
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing scheduler are normal to reduced for this week. Undertone was fully steady.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11	6-9	7.81
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Jan 15,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	25.0	5.2	12.1	8.3 59.4
	Change	1.3	3.1	-1.1	-1.5	-1.4 1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.0	52.1	12.2	27.3	20.2 137.8
	Change	3.8	3.4	0.2	-0.6	-2.9 3%
Large	Curr Wk	43.3	113.4	53.4	63.4	74.6 348.1
	Change	2.8	0.4	3.2	-2.7	-19.2 -4%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.1	27.0	14.1	15.8	17.4 84.4
	Change	1.0	2.0	0.6	0.5	-1.3 3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	5.4	4.9	7.8	4.8 27.3
	Change	1.2	-0.4	1.0	2.4	-0.5 16%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.6	18.5	7.4	11.8	3.4 47.7
	Change	0.8	-4.7	-1.6	-2.0	-2.4 -17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	32.1	69.8	21.5	21.0	35.4 179.8
	Change	-0.1	1.3	1.9	-0.7	-3.6 -1%
Total	Curr Wk	131.3	311.2	118.7	159.2	164.1 884.5
Percent	Change	9%	2%	4%	-3%	-16% -2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	884.5	-2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	395.3	-3%	39

Total Shell Egg	1279.8	-2%	210
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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172	168.9	159.9	109.9
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 25, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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136	136	126	77
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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 15, 2001

CURRENT LOADS				19.75				FUTURE LOADS				25.00				TOTAL LOADS				44.75			
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	46.50	51.67	46.50	48.00	47.00	—	12.00	GL W J	56.00	—	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	—	—	39.25	42.00	.75			
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	29.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	43.50	—	44.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	51.06	4.00				
GL W XL	43.50	48.00	53.50	55.00	52.00	—	4.00																
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	42.50	—	3.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	41.00	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	—	36.50	37.00	16.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/09/01-01/15/01

CURRENT LOADS								123.75		FUTURE LOADS				123.50		TOTAL LOADS				247.25	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	46.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.75	28.75	28.75	
GNR W 1	46.70	50.60	47.50	49.00	47.55	41.00	60.75		GNR W 3	—	43.33	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.25	5.25	5.25	
GNR W 3	—	—	27.75	29.50	42.00	—	9.25		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	1.00	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	30.08	30.00	—	25.00	—	6.00		GL W J	53.71	—	—	—	53.50	61.37	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	
GNR BR 1	—	83.00	71.00	72.50	—	—	5.50		GL W XL	46.14	51.00	—	—	48.62	54.57	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	
GL W J	—	—	60.00	62.00	50.00	—	3.00		GL W LG	49.00	—	—	—	55.90	54.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	
GL W XL	43.50	52.19	53.50	55.76	48.55	—	29.75		GL W MD	43.50	45.50	44.75	—	50.67	50.74	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	
GL W LG	45.00	53.18	51.75	49.97	42.77	—	24.75		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	46.00	48.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	
GL W MD	—	49.14	40.80	44.67	41.08	42.00	19.75		NRBS - 48	32.50	34.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
GL W SM	—	—	30.25	31.75	—	—	2.00														
GL BR MD	—	—	63.00	65.00	—	—	.50														
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	41.00	1.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	—	34.40	35.16	54.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	4.25														

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/31/00 - 01/06/01**

Origin State	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	OR	UT	VA	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,560	0	1,640	0	1,205	585	0	0	105	5,095
C. CA	0	2,358	0	600	0	3	1,273	0	0	0	4,234
S. CA	1,665	14,101	810	9,019	1,524	0	2,154	840	900	1,620	32,633
TOTAL STATE	1,665	18,019	810	11,259	1,524	1,208	4,012	840	900	1,725	41,962
SHIPPED TO MILITARY:	0										

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	95-98	86-89	60-63	21-24

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	46-51	30-34

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	1/8/01	01/02/01	1/10/00
PACIFIC COAST	134	128	104
LOS ANGELES	92	91	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
85.48	84.48	80.33	52.27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-42	31-33	13-15

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 12/31/00-01/06/01  
30-dozen cases 3,322  
Receipts from the mainland: 12/24/00-12/30/00  
30-dozen cases 3,379

**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS** AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	496,513	-19	-59
FREE FLOWING	1,538,800	22	-5
BLEND	773,508	-19	18
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	6,287,055	-1	81
BLEND	84,850	-12	-53
YOLK			
PLAIN	888,978	-17	1
BLEND	17,500	-10	-72
FREE FLOWING			
(W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	999,650	-0	-63
TOTAL	11,086,854	-2	3

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

DECEMBER 3, 2000 - DECEMBER 30, 2000 TOTAL 8,224,000 POUNDS.

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plant from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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